

SAYS EXECUTIONS IN HAITI WERE WITHOUT JUDGMENT

General Barnett Testified Before Special Naval Court of Inquiry That He Based His Statement of "Indiscriminate Killing" on the Record of the Trial of Two Marines—Now Classes Killing as Executions "Without Judgment"—Total of Natives Killed, 2,250—Previous Estimate of 3,250 Was Result of an Error in Addition.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Public investigation of the conduct of American Marines in Haiti was begun today by the special naval court of inquiry with the examination of Brig. Gen. George S. Messersmith, former commander of the marine corps, and Maj. Gen. John H. Cleveland, of the Corps Historical division. The first session lasted only a little more than an hour.

In the letter to Colonel Ruge, General Gensaulo stated that he had been told by a private of the 1st Marine Corps that he had already written an official letter to Secretary Daniels concerning the case. The second was a decision to send the case to the War Relocation Authority.

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Replied to questions of Major J. E. Drer, Judge advocate of the court, that he had no personal knowledge of any improper actions of the marines and knew nothing of alleged unlawful executions of natives until he read the letter to Colonel R. B. Seale.

The witness explained that the large casualty list last year was due to attacks by the Japanese against the U.S. Air Force and to the campaign conducted in the hills.

"I said he wanted to know if I made clear that his letter of last year to Colonel John H. Russell in which he

Ilton, now a lieutenant," he said "left had taste in my mouth although the fact that it was a letter from me." Fear that there might have been cases in which excesses were committed and the culprit not brought to justice, he said, led him to write the letter. He sent it to Colonel Russell although so far as he knew all cases of improper behavior in Haiti had been brought to trial.

CRIMER MURDER TRIAL
IS NEARING THE END

Dolomina, Italy, Oct. 27.—(By the defense and the prosecution in the case of Alfredo Cocchi, on trial here charged with the murder of Ruth Cruger, an 18 year old high school senior, in New York city in February, 1937, announced this evening

Council for the defense announced that he would base his argument on Cocchi's "extreme emotion" and "extreme fatigue," and he would seek to prove that Cocchi's statement was induced by five glasses of wine.

Cocchi again was on the stand today and continued his contradictions of the statements made in his deposition. Judge

Cocchi told me he had assassinated the girl and then killed her, but he did not give many particulars," said Derossi.

Derossi said he had been told that it is useless to talk as a fact what I then said, as I was trying to protect my wife."

Derossi said he had been told that the letter written by Joseph Lynch, who declared that Cocchi was only one of a

large dense throng. The case is here maintained by the townspeople of Bologna. That their feelings are distinctly against the prosecution is shown by the scornful attitude of the crowd. The evidence is presented bearing on the awfulness of the crime of which he is accused.

The depositions of Cocchi's own witnesses, persons in New York who were requested to make affidavits in an endeavor to establish his innocence, are much commented on in Genoa. The

Genoa, Oct. 17.—(By the A. P.)—The possibility of a former American being accused of the murder of a woman has been much commented on in Genoa. The

jealous of him told heavily against the accused man this afternoon. These denunciations revealed many wrongful acts on the part of the accused, including insults and attacks on airmen and women, but were also clear evidence of the sincerity of that of "a faithful and devoted mother."

FEAR REVEALED OF TYPHUS
EPIDEMIC IN EUROPE

It is said that the Greek constitution would permit Constantine's brothers to stand as candidates for the throne. If Constantine should block the ascension of his son, Prince Paul, the

Washington, Oct. 27.—Fears of a renewed typhoid epidemic in Europe have increased today in reports given out by the Red Cross national headquarters. Lack of clothing, fuel and food, according to Sir John Jackson, director-general of the League of Red Cross societies, will make it very difficult for winter clothing to be distributed to the population of Poland, even though with the coming of peace the

tion itself is expected to add to the difficulties, in that the barrier existing along the Estonian border will be renewed after the summer, barring the Estonians allowed to return to Rumania and Poland and Estonia.

BOY KILLED WHEN BOYCOTT COLLIDED WITH AUTOMOBILE

Muskegon, Mich., Oct. 27.—A boy, 11 years of age, was killed when he was struck by an automobile while attempting to join a boycott of the local movie house.

London, Oct. 27.—Scientific experiments of the blood of the monkey killed King Edward VIII.

14 years old, was killed, and his brother James, aged 18, was severely injured when they collided with the automobile and while riding a bicycle on the Bridgeport turnpike here tonight. The automobile was driven by a man named Wm. H. Watson Beach, who was released pending the investigation of the coroner.

**BRITISH SHIP STRANDED
OFF VINEYARD HAVEN**

NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 27.—The coast guard-
ship Acadamist sent word here by wireless
tonight that she had tried unsuccessfully
to make contact with the **Black Hawk**,
the steamer Finmore, stranded at West
Chop, off Vineyard Haven. The ship's
engineer and another effort to float
the steamer will be made on the next high
tide.

Mrs. Frances Thompson
New York, Oct. 27.—Mrs. Frances Thompson Snow, 78, wife of Elbridge T. Thompson, president of the Home Insurance Company, died of a heart ailment today. Mrs. Snow was born in Waterbury, Conn., of Mayflower stock.

Paul M. Wright
Hartford, Conn., Oct. 27.—Daniel M. Wright, manufacturer and inventor of

machinery, died in a local hospital to-night following an operation. He was born in Philadelphia 50 years ago. He was manager of the Henry and Wright Manufacturing Co., and was president of two other manufacturing corporations.

Steeplesman originally were run from one church, steeple to another, and

London, Oct. 27.—The government emergency bill, which provides for a 10 per cent. increase in the coal strike should involve the railway transport workers, was read in the House of Commons today at 11 o'clock. The third and final reading tonight, vote was 226 to 58.

